GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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HOUSES FOR BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal in regard to construction of houses for Beedi workers under Beedi Workers Housing Scheme in various district of States are pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of various schemes and programmes alongwith the cost involved therein; and

(d) the time by when the Government is likely to begin work/approve the said proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): All proposals submitted by various regions of the Labour Welfare Organisation have been approved by the Ministry. So far, in the year 2004-05 till date, we have issued administrative approvals for construction of 9949 houses. Incomplete proposals are returned for rectification. However, proposals recently received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Rajasthan would be promptly accorded administrative approvals on the basis of eligibility.

(c): The Government is implementing an Integrated Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers. Under this Scheme, financial assistance of Rs.40,000/- per workers w.e.f. 1st July, 2004, or 50% of the actual cost of construction, whichever is less, is provided under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund (BWWF), to eligible workers engaged in the beedi making, in various States. The remaining cost towards the construction is either raised by the Workers, in case the worker build house on his own and in case of construction under EWS or Group Housing Scheme, the remaining funds are raised through beneficiaries` contribution of their own or through EPF and loan from financial institutions like HUDCO etc.

(d): Under the Integrated Housing Scheme, 2004 a period of 18 months has been stipulated for the construction by the State Governments and individual beedi worker; in case of construction under the Group Housing Scheme the specified period for completion of project is 24 months. The subsidy is released in three phases @ 35%, 40% and 25% on reaching the construction at plinth level, roof-level and on completion of construction in all respect, respectively. In case of EWS Scheme, full subsidy is released to the concerned State Govt. on reaching the construction at roof-level.